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Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2005 8:40 AM

To: Gallagher, Mike (ECY)

Subject: Dept of Ecology's rule on persistent toxic chemicals

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding the Department's proposed rule on persistent toxic chemicals. I understand that the Department is considering removing lead and phthalates from its list of toxic chemicals. I urge you to retain both lead and phthalates on the list. The research on lead is voluminous showing its toxic affects on the behaviour and health of children. It would be criminal to ignore this research and omit it from the list. Research on animals leaves no doubt that phthalates are harmful. They are so widespread in the products we use daily that the rate of exposure is tremendously high. Our bodies are being bombarded by these chemicals, which have been linked to breast cancer and hormone disruption which leads to abnormal sexual development.

Please support good health for our state by retaining lead and phthalates in your ruling.

Sincerely,

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